

2005 Letter

April 14th: After all the flood waters came down, I went fishing today with Sam Wylie. It was good to get in the boat again after a long winter. The sky was partly cloudy with winds up to 15MPH. The water up about 2ft and dark stained with a temp of 48 degrees. We caught only 14 fish today, all bass with the biggest being 17". The pattern was to fish the eddies and fish slow. We used tubes and spinner baits today and the bite was soft, but we didn't care, it's been a long winter. We also saw a mink hunting the shore line and two bald eagles.

April 16th: Went fishing with Ed Nestor and Barry Buchecker today. The sky was a sunny 64 degrees and the water dark stained and 50 degrees. The wind was about 5mph. We caught 30 fish today with 1 Northern Pike and 8 trophy bass in the mix. Ed caught the biggest bass at 18 1/2". We also saw three eagles and many ducks. The bait of the day were tubes, and sweet beavers along with some Yum wooly hogtails. It was a fine day on the river.

April 17th: Went again with Ed and Barry today. Another beautiful sunny day at 72 degrees. The water was stained and 51 degrees. We caught 37 fish today with two small carp and 7 trophy bass in the mix. The biggest bass was an 18" beauty. Lures of the day included tubes, sweet beavers, wooly hogtails, and husky jerks. A great day with two great guys.

April 18: It was just me and John Snyder today. The sky was partly sunny and the water stained and 52 degrees. We caught 36 fish today with 9 trophy bass with the biggest being just shy of 19". Tube lures were the bait of the day.

April 26th: Went fishing with Frank Corceone. and Bob Bouman today. The river had come up three foot and had just crested last night. The sky was partly cloudy with winds 15mph and gusts to 21 mph. The water was 48 degrees and dark stained. We caught 11 fish today and lost 5 more with a walleye and a carp in the mix. All the fish were caught on dark colored tube jigs.

April 28th: Tom Gemski and Joe Sudol came fishing today. The sky was overcast and the afternoon very windy 15 to 25MPH . The water was stained and 52 degrees. We caught 40 fish today with 3 Northern Pike and two suckers in the mix. There were 5 trophy bass caught with Joe catching one just shy of 18". Dark tubes were the bait of the day. The wild ducks were everywhere and we saw an eagle and an osprey.

April 30th: A good day on the river! Joe Getz and his son, Joe came fishing today. We caught 51 fish today with 1 walleye, 1 Northern Pike, and 1 Bullhead in the mix. It lightly rained on and off today and the water was stained and 51 degrees. We caught 8 trophy bass with two 18 1/2" smallies being the biggest. Both were caught by Joe Sr. Joe Jr. had the hot stick today and caught the most fish, I think he believes in red hooks now! Tubes, Case magic sticks, and Case Salty Shads caught the fish today. I was

impressed with the salty shads. Looks like these fellows set the bar for April fishing.

May 2nd: Marion Nunan and Bob Spring came fishing with me today. The air got up to 55 degrees with 15-25mph winds along with some light rain. The water was 50 degrees and stained. We caught 42 fish today with two Northern Pike, two walleye, and a hog nose sucker in the mix. Marion seemed to me the star of the day today. He caught all four trophy bass we got, a 17 1/2 " being the biggest. He also got a nice 32" Northern Pike. Lures of the day were mainly tubes and Case Salty Shads. Bob also caught some fish on a plastic crayfish he had. We also saw an eagle and a mink today along with many kinds of ducks.

May 3rd: Went fishing with Marion and Bob again today. There was a heavy frost in the morning, the boat was white and I had to scrape the truck windshield. The sky was partly cloudy, winds 8 to 10 mph. The water lightly stained and 49 degrees. We caught 43 fish today with 2 walleye, 1 Northern Pike, and 1 Muskie in the mix. There were 6 trophy bass caught, a 17 3/4" was the biggest. I used a new bait called a drop shot Ripper today. It's a 4 1/2" flat worm type bait with a large collar and small head. It was brown with a blue/green collar and head. I started out slow with it, but I used it all day and it worked fine, dare I say as well as the tubes. The Walleye, Northern Pike, an Muskie were caught on this bait. It gets a thumbs up from this fishing guide. We saw several osprey today and many ducks.

May 4th: Today Walt Shaedler and Joe Lamarca came up fishing. The sky was partly sunny in the morning and overcast in the afternoon. The water was clear to light stained, very uncommon for this time of year, and 49 degrees. We caught 30 fish today with one walleye in the mix. We lost about 20 fish out of which I lost about half of them because I was sure I would loose that dull, bent up jig hook before I'd have to replace it. Tube jigs caught the fish today. Along with the many birds we saw, I saw my first Baltimore Oriole of the season.

May 7th: Some days it all comes together and this was one of those days. Dave Borkowski and Tim Miller came fishing today. The sky was sunny to partly cloudy and the water was clear to light stained and 54 degrees. We caught 107 fish today with three walleyes and a white sucker in the mix! There were also seven trophy bass caught 17 1/2" being the biggest. Tube jigs were the main lure today, with some fish being caught on smallie beavers, and Case salty shads. We also saw two eagles and an osprey. A great day with a couple of great guys.

May 8th: Mothers Day! My Mom wanted a boat ride on the river and my wife Eileen came along to fish. We went out for about 2 1/2hrs in the afternoon with a sunny sky, but high winds, 15-25MPH! The water was 56 degrees and light stained to clear. We caught 30 fish with 3 walleyes in the mix. We also saw a mink hunting along the shoreline.

May 9th: Had Barry Buchecker, and Art Schneck out fishing today. The skies were sunny with winds 5 to 10MPH . The water was 57 degrees and clear to light stained. We

had a great time catching 138 fish today with 5 walleyes, 1 rock bass and 1 white sucker in the mix. Venom tubes, New Do's, and Case Magic sticks were the lures of the day. Barry had the hot rod with the most fish boated. I had a nice muskie take my tube only to loose him at the boat.

May 10th: Bruce and Dave Christman came fishing today with sunny skies and water that was 60 degrees and light stained to clear. We caught 88 fish today with 1 walleye, 2 rock bass and a 29" Northern Pike in the mix. There were 4 trophy bass caught, a 18" being the biggest. Dave caught the pike and it had the tube jig in it's mouth that Dave Borkowskie lost to it last Saturday. Tube Jigs were the lure of the day.

May 11th: It was Dick Rivers and myself today. The sky was sunny and the water was 62 degrees and clear. We caught 65 fish today with 2 walleye and 2 rock bass in the mix, all caught on tube jigs and smallie Beavers. There were 4 trophy bass caught with a 17 1/2" being the biggest.

May 12th: Today Dan and 78 year young Earl West came fishing today. The skies were partly sunny and the winds 15 to 27MPH. The water was 63 degrees and lightly stained. We caught 100 fish today with 13 rock bass in the mix. We got many big bass but Earl landed his best smallmouth yet to date with a 20 1/4" beauty. The lures of the day were tubes, Case Magic Sticks, and Case Jacks Worms. A tough windy day with two great guys.

May 13th: Yes Friday the 13th and who better to spend the day fishing with than Ed Nestor and Barry Buchecker. It was a little cool in the morning, there was frost on the boat when we started. The skies were partly cloudy, winds 5 to 10mph, and the water mostly clear to light stained. It was a good day, we caught 125 fish with two walleyes and 4 rock bass in the mix. There were 10 trophy bass caught with a 18"er being the biggest caught by Ed. Ed also caught the two walleye. Barry caught the most fish, I attribute that to his speedy unique style of unhooking the fish when he got them in the boat, half fell off. Barry also caught two angler award rock bass. He had to catch two because he threw the first one back before I could get the mandatory photo taken to send in with the application. Tubes, Case magic sticks, and Venom New Do's were the baits of the day.

May 14th: It was just me and John Bracy today. The sky was overcast with the ocational sprinkle. The water was clear to light stained and 64 degrees. We are entering the post spawn time now. Most bass have spawned and the big females have moved off to deeper water to rest. We caught 51 fish today, with 6 rock bass in the mix. Only two trophy fish were caught, a 17"er being the biggest. John caught a 9 1/2" rock bass which earned him a catch and release award for that fish. He also caught a smallmouth by hand line when his reel got a birds nest and he started to bring in the lure by hand and a smallie grabbed it. The lures of the day were tube jigs and Case Magic sticks.

May 16th: Went fishing with Bob Rush today. The sky was overcast with 10 to 15MPH winds. The water was light stained and 64 degrees. We caught 40 fish today with 5

Rock Bass in the mix. Tubes, Case Magic Sticks and Jacks worms were the lures of the day.

May 17th: Dennis Snyder and Bob Hyland came fishing today under partly sunny skies with the water stained and 62 degrees. We ended up boating 50 fish and to the best of our count we lost close to 40. We had three different northern pike bite us off today. We had a cold front come through last night which put the bite off, that and it's now post spawn for the bass. Tubes and Case magic sticks were the bait of the day

May 18th: Walt and Tom Shaedler came fishing today. The skies were partly cloudy and the water was 63 degrees and stained. We caught 47 fish today with 2 walleyes, a northern pike and 5 rockies in the mix. Tube baits and Case Magic sticks were the bait of the day.

May 19th: Roger Aye and Kris Grossman came fishing with me today. The sky was hazy and the water stained and 64 degrees. The morning started out slow, the water was cool at 60 degrees but the fish turned on in the afternoon. We caught 57 fish today with 6 rock bass and three trophy bass in the mix. The morning bite was on tubes and Case magic sticks, but the afternoon belonged to the spinner bait which we caught the majority of the fish on. Kris got the biggest bass at 18" on a tube while Roger got a 17 1/2" bass on a spinner bait. A good day with some good people.

May 20th: Ed and Adam Nestor came fishing today. The sky was partly sunny and the water stained and 64 degrees. We caught quite an assortment of fish today. We caught 77 fish with 2 walleye, 7 rock bass, 1 channel catfish, 1 white sucker, and 1 northern pike in the mix. Adam caught a 10" rock bass which got him a catch and release award from the fish commission. I caught a 29" channel cat which did the same. Adam also got a beautiful 18" Smallie that gave him a good fight. I got a few fish on a spinner bait, but tubes and Zoom Tiny Bush Baby,s were the baits of the day. We also saw three bald eagles

May 21st: Mark Hollopeter and his buddy Pat came fishing today. The sky was partly sunny, the water stained, and it got up to 65 degrees. After catching the first few fish on tubes and Senkos, we all pretty much decided to stay with spinners the rest of the day in assorted colors. Mark and Pat fished only with big spinners and caught mostly big fish, while I used 1/8 oz and 1/4oz to catch anything. We caught 50 fish today with 6 trophy bass, 1 northern pike, and 4 rock bass in the mix. A fun day indeed.

May 22nd: John and Andrew Snyder came fishing with me today. It was cold and windy today. The sky was overcast and the water stained and 63 degrees. We had a cold front go through and it shut down the fish. We fished hard for the 24 that we caught. There was 3 northern pike, 1 walleye, and 1 rock bass in the mix. We caught a few on spinners, one on top water (first one this year), and the rest on tube jigs. The fishing was rough, but the company was good.

May 24th: Larry Kemmerer and Dan Bodner came fishing with me in a windy, rainy

morning. The water had cooled down to 60 degrees and the morning bite was tough. We caught a few bass and a northern pike on tubes, spinner baits, and a little white curly tail grub that Dan brought. By 2:00 in the afternoon, the rain and wind ceased and a cream May Fly hatch came out. We noticed that some bass were coming up for them so I mentioned that maybe we should try some top water lures. That's all it took for Dan to tie on a Sputter bug and in a short while he had some action going. Larry was next and tied on a Reble Pop R and he too had bass action. We moved to another spot and I joined them with a Chug bug and immediately had a hit. We spent the rest of the day enjoying a great top water bite. We caught 43 fish for the day with 1 Northern Pike, 4 rock bass, and 5 trophy bass in the mix. The biggest was a little over 17" caught by Dan. A fun day with good guys.

May 25th: Bob Herzog and his buddy Bill came fishing today. We caught 45 fish today with three trophy bass in the mix. The water was 61 degrees and stained. The sky was partly cloudy.

May 31st: Jim Rynalds and Hugh Black came fishing today. The sky was partly sunny and the water stained and 65 degrees. We caught 30 fish today with 1 trophy bass and one walleye in the mix. Top water lures, spinner baits and tube jigs was what worked today.

June 1st: Jim and Jake Wertz came fishing today. The sky was sunny in the morning and cloudy in the afternoon. The water was stained and 68 degrees. We caught 44 fish today with 1 rock bass and a 32" carp in the mix and one northern pike that was caught on a spinner bait. It was pretty tough fishing for a while until the clouds came in the afternoon and then the top water lures were king. We even had a Northern Pike explode on a top water lure, but it got off in a few seconds. A fun day with good guys. We also saw two immature bald eagles today.

June 3rd: It was Kevin Redinger and myself today. With overcast skies and water that was stained and 70 degrees. There is a lot of moss on the river bottom now and jig fishing is difficult. We caught 33 fish today with 5 rockies and a walleye in the mix. Most were caught on Jigs and top water lures and a few on spinners. We saw three immature bald eagles today.

June 4th: Tough! That's the word that best describes today's fishing. Mark Hollopeter and Chris Coles came up today with partly cloudy skies and stained water at 70 degrees. The bottom moss is very thick and it's difficult to fish with a jig at all. The top water was slow so we used spinner baits most of the day. There was one bright spot when Mark threw his spinner bait in close to shore where there was a current edge and WHAM! A 20" smallie just nailed his lure. This was Mark's biggest smallie to date in the Susquehanna and it earned him an Angler catch and release award from the Fish Commission. We caught only 21 fish today including 2 rockies, but that big smallie made the day. We also saw two immature bald eagles.

June 6th: Josh and Jerramy Johnson came fishing today. The sky was partly cloudy and

the water 76 degrees and stained. We caught 42 fish today with 1 rockie 1 northern pike and three trophy bass in the mix. Josh got a beautiful 19" smallie. We saw four bald eagles today and one osprey.

June 7th: John Snyder and Cornell Hopkins came fishing today. The sky was partly sunny and the water dark stained and 81 degrees. There was about 2" of moss on the bottom which made for difficult fishing. We caught 19 fish today mostly on tube jigs. A tough day with good guys.

June 9th: Ron Grambo and his son Mark came fishing today. The sky was partly sunny and the water dark stained and 83 degrees. The moss is still thick on the bottom and difficult to fish. We caught 21 bass today with one carp which was 35 1/4" and 18lbs.

June 12th: Rich Wisinski and his buddy Ken came fishing today. The sky was sunny and the water dark stained and 77 degrees. The bottom still has a bad case of moss on it. We caught 30 fish today all bass. Tube jigs and Case salty shads caught most of the fish today.

June 22nd: John Yaswinski and John Jason came fishing today. We had a great overcast to partly cloudy skies, the water was dark stained and 74 degrees. We caught 47 fish today with one walleye and one rock bass in the mix. Case salty shads, spinner baits, and small crank baits caught most of the fish. We also saw a bald eagle today.

June 23rd: Today Dale and John Reynard came fishing under sunny skies and dark stained water at 74 degrees. We caught 31 fish with 2 walleyes in the mix. The lure of the day was Case salty shads

June 24th: Randy Stauffer and Kyle Eddinger came fishing today. The sky was sunny (and hot) and the water was dark stained and 74 degrees. Kyle got his first walleye today, a nice 22" which he released! and Randy got a big 19 1/4" smallie on a creature jig. We caught 38 fish today and also got a rock bass. Tubes, Case salty shads, and spinner baits caught most of the fish. And we saw one immature bald eagle.

June 28th: Mark Bactle and his daughters Sephanie and Allison came fishing today. The Sky was sunny and hot and the water was 86 degrees and dark stained. We caught 40 fish today with Sephanie getting the big bass of the day at 15 1/2". The water is very low and most of the action came from the fast waters. The lure of the day was the tube jig and I also caught a few on a Ripper worm. We saw 4 eagles today, 2 mature and two immature.

June 28th: Evening charter with some guys from Ohio. Tom Wright and his dad Dick who is 91 years young, along with their good friend. Jerry Hite from Texas. They had been up since Saturday and had not caught a bass yet so they gave me a call. After some brief instruction, we caught 11 bass. After the charter, I dropped them off at their camp site and I had 14 miles to run before I got back to my truck. The wildlife was out all over, coming to the river to get a drink just before dark. I saw 15 deer, 5 Jake

turkeys, and a bear!

June 29th: John Wisniski and Bart Ueberroth came fishing today. Another hot and partly sunny day. The water lower yet, dark stained and 86 degrees. We caught 30 smallies and at the end of the day it started to rain. I never thought I'd say it after the last two years, but thank God for the rain, it felt great! We also saw one immature eagle today.

June 29th: Another evening charter with Tom and Dick (91 years young) Wright, and Jerry Hite. We fished in the rain for most of the evening, sometimes a hard rain. The water temp dropped from 86 to 84 degrees. Everyone caught fish and Dick caught a couple himself. We boated 15 bass and 1 Northern Pike. A good evening.

July 1st: Sam Wylie and his son Sam came fishing today. The day was sunny and partly cloudy and it rained in the late afternoon, the water was dark stained and 83 degrees. We caught 40 fish today with one trophy bass just under 17" being caught by young Sam. And for the record, I must write that young Sam caught more than his dad. A fun day.

July 1st: I had an evening charter with Ron Bartholomew and his nephew Andy. The water was still dark stained and 83 degrees. We caught 23 fish with a nice 20" walleye in the mix.

July 2nd: Demetrius Glass and his son Seth, came fishing today. The sky was overcast and windy in the morning and bright in the afternoon. The water was dark stained and 82 degrees. We caught 33 bass today with one rock bass in the mix. Tube jigs were the lures of the day.

July 3rd: Dan Martins and his father in law Ken, came fishing today. We had a good cold front go through last night and it was 40 degrees when I got up this morning. The sky was sunny today and the water dark stained and 79 degrees. We caught 22 fish today with 1 walleye and one channel cat in the mix. Tube jigs and rattle traps caught most of the fish.

July 5th: Gene Lalli and his son came fishing today. The sky was overcast and we fished in some rain. The water was 81 degrees and dark stained. We caught 45 fish and Gene's son caught a trophy channel catfish. We saw a couple of bald eagles today. Dark jigs caught the fish.

July 6th: It was Dick Rivers and myself today. The day was overcast and the water dark stained and 81 degrees. We caught 48 fish in the fast water. Tube Jigs and Case Magic sticks were the bait of the day.

July 14th: Frank Fritzing and his son Joe came fishing today: The sky was partly cloudy and the water 83 degrees and dark stained. We caught 57 fish today with two trophy bass in the mix. Lures of the day were tube jigs, small spinners, and Case magic

sticks.

July 15th: Dick Rivers and Don Vess from Kentucky came fishing today. The sky was sunny and the water 86 degrees, dark stained, and very shallow. We caught 32 fish today with one trophy smallie, a1 rock bass, and 1 channel catfish in the mix. The lure that caught most of the fish was my L.D. Guide Spinner Baits. The catfish and rockie was caught on a Case Magic Stick.

July 20th: And it gets hotter and hotter. Frank Corcione and Ron Grambo came fishing today. The sky was sunny and the water was dark stained, 86 degrees, and very low. We caught 35 fish today with 1 Northern pike caught by Ron in the mix. L.D. Guide Spinner baits, and tube jigs were the lures of the day. We also saw three bald eagles.

July 21st: Harold Hoff came fishing today. The sky was sunny and 90 degrees. The water dark stained and 83 degrees. We caught 35 fish today with 1 walleye, 1 rock bass and 1 channel cat in the mix. The lures of the day were L.D. Guide Spinner Baits, Case Magic sticks, and Venom tubes.

Aug 3rd: Rick and Ricky Liebert came fishing today. The sky was partly cloudy and the water 84 degrees and stained. The water is extremely low. We caught 47 fish today and Ricky had a big one on but it didn't make it in the boat. The main lure of the day was my L.D. Guide spinner baits. We also saw 2 mature and one immature bald eagles.

Aug 4th: Dick Rivers and his brother David came fishing for 6 hours today. The sky was sunny and the water 86 degrees and stained. We caught 35 fish today with a nice 17" smallie caught by David. The main baits of the day were L.D. Guide Spinner baits and Case magic sticks.

August 9th: Lew Bolinger and Joe James came out for a seven hour trip today. The sky was partly cloudy and the water 81 degrees and stained. We caught 43 fish today with one trophy bass in the boat. The lures of the day were L.D. Guide Spinner baits, Tube jigs, and Case Magic Sticks. We also saw a mature bald eagle.

August 11th: Had an 3 1/2 hr. evening charter with Rick and Rickie Liebert. We caught 33 smallies with Rickie catching the biggest smallie at 16". The two lures of the evening were L.D. Guide Spinner Baits with various blade configurations., and Case magic sticks. A couple were caught on tube jigs.

August 12th: It was just Dick Rivers and myself today. The sky was partly cloudy. The water is very low at 85 degrees and the jet boat can't even get through on the long trips. So I got out the 16ft jon boat and we had a great float for 15 miles. We caught 45 fish today with 3 trophy bass, one just below the 18" mark. Most were caught on L.D. Guide Spinner baits, and a few on Case Magic sticks and Slider grubs. We also saw one immature bald eagle.

August 13th: Had Paul and Nancy Szyszko fishing with me today on a float trip with the

16ft. jon boat. The sky started out sunny and HOT, the water stained and 85 degrees. Around 3:30 we got a hard shower, a welcomed sight. We caught 53 fish today, no trophies, but some nice fish. I'll bet we lost a good 30 fish. L.D. Guide Spinner Baits caught 3/4 of them. The rest were caught on a good old fashioned 3" curly tail grub, just like the old days. A good day with some good people. We also saw an osprey and a immature bald eagle today.

August 14th: Janine Wedling and her family came fishing for a few hours today. We used the jet boat for fun, but could only go until we got to 4" of water. The sky was clear and HOT, the water stained and 81 degrees. We caught 12 fish today and Janines daughter Joey, reeled them all in. We saw two bald eagles today along with many other water birds. A fun day with fun people.

August 15th: Bill Kurz and Dave Weiss came on a float trip with me today. We thumped and bumped off the rocks here and there, but we didn't have to get out and pull the jon boat. The sky was partly cloudy and the water stained and 82 degrees. We caught 63 fish today with L.D. Guide Spinner baits and 3" curly tail jigs. All in 1/8oz and copper/black color. We must have missed another 25 fish. There was 1 small walleye and 1 rock bass in the mix. Bill had a couple of trophy bass on ' but both times they broke his new 6lb. line(another reason why I use 10lb stren Magnathin) We watched an osprey fishing today, plunging in the water for fish and flying back out. We also saw some bald eagles today.

August 17th: Rick Reifsnyder and his son Richard came fishing today on a float trip. The sky was partly cloudy and the water stained and 81 degrees. We caught 64 fish today, missed another 20 and the action was pretty constant all day long. The eagles were out in force today because we saw six and two osprey. The lures of the day once again were L.D. Guide Spinner Baits and 3" curly tail grubs.

August 18th: Kevin Redinger and his daughter Amanda came float fishing today, the water is still too low to get the jet boat through safely. The sky was partly cloudy and the water stained and 76 degrees, a good drop in Temperature. We caught 60 fish today, with a channel cat and a white sucker in the mix. No trophies, but over half of them legal size fish. It's a good thing for the fish that we were catch and release only today. Kevin used his leaches on a circle hook on and off today but most of the fish were caught on L.D. Guide Spinner Baits, and many on 3" curly tails in copper and black color. We also saw 3 immature and 1 mature bald eagles. A good trip.

August 19th: It was just myself and Dick Rivers today. The sky was overcast with a little rain in the morning. The water was stained, very low and 75 degrees. We caught 53 fish today with 2 sunfish, 1 rock bass, and 1 channelcat in the mix. The biggest smallie was 17". Most were caught on L.D. Guide Spinner Baits and 3" twister tails. We saw 2 eagles today.

August 20th: Ed Nestor and Barry Buchecker came for a relaxing(yes I said relaxing) float trip. The sky was partly cloudy and the water stained and 74 degrees. The water is

still very low and we put some new dents in the boat along the way. We caught 78 fish today, all smallies with two trophy bass being caught, 17" being the largest. We are all die hard tube fishermen, but once again the L.D.Guide Spinner baits caught most of the fish with a 3" curly tail grub and a Venom creature bait picking up a few. When the trip ended, Barry didn't want to stop fishing so he cast his lure from the access and caught a new 12lb anchor with a 3 ft white chain attached. It was a mighty battle but Barry didn't give up and neither did his line. We also saw three bald eagles today.

August 23rd: Bob and Millie De Walt came on a float trip today. The sky was partly cloudy and the water stained and 74 degrees. We caught 55 fish today with 1 walleye, 1 rock bass, and 1 channel cat in the mix. The lures of the day were LDG spinner baits and curly tail grubs. We saw several eagles and an osprey today.

August 24th: Fished with Bob and Millie again today. This time a short trip in the jet boat. The sky was partly cloudy and the water 74 degrees and stained. We caught 44 smallies today. LDG spinner baits and curly tail grubs did the trick. We saw three eagles today.

August 25th: It was myself and Dick Rivers today. The sky was clear and the water 74 degrees and stained. The depth is dropping all the time. We did a float trip and I have a few more dents in the boat now. We caught 65 fish today most on LDG spinner baits and some on curly tail grubs. We saw several eagles and osprey and one white snowy egret.

August 28th: It was myself and George Thompson from Ohio today. The sky was overcast and the water stained, very low, and 73 degrees. We did a float trip today and got out and waded at the real good spots. We caught 72 fish today with one walleye and three rock bass in the mix along with a nice 18" smallie that George got. L.D.G baits and Case magic sticks caught most of the fish today.

August 31st: RAIN AND LOTS OF IT! We finally got enough to raise the river a few inches! Rick Reifsnnyder and his son Richard came fishing today in the rain. It was just high enough to get the jet boat through. The river was rising during the day and 75 degrees. We caught 47 fish with a little of everything included. We got 5 walleye, 1 channel cat, 2 bluegills, and a rock bass in the mix. LDG spinner baits caught most of the fish along with a curlytail grub. We saw bald eagles, osprey, snowy egret, blue herons, many ducks, and a mink hunting along the shore line.

Sept. 1st: Get me a straw we're fishing in chocolate milk! Over night the water came up 3ft and muddy. The water temp. was 72 degrees. Dick Rivers came fishing with me today or at least we tried. We called it quits a 4 hrs. and we had only 11 fish to show for it. tube jigs and L.D.G spinner baits caught what we had.

Sept. 2nd. Bruce Christman and Ed Y. came fishing today. The water had dropped 4 inches but was still muddy and 73 degrees. The sky was partly cloudy. We caught 31

fish today and missed another 10. There were two trophy bass today, one just shy of 17". We caught a couple on LDG spinner baits, but most were caught on dark tube jigs. The water was too deep and fast to fish spinners today. We saw bald eagles and many green wing teal today, and two snowy egrets.

Sept.4th: Had an evening charter with John Snyder and Horace Duffield. The sky was partly cloudy and the water dark stained and 73 degrees. We caught 24 fish with two rock bass in the mix. Duff, as he is called, caught the biggest bass of the evening at 15 1/2". L.D.Guide spinner baits caught most of the fish and some were caught on tube jigs with John catching a few on a crayfish crank bait.

Sept. 5th: Scott Goughenour and Jason Stewart came fishing today on a bright sunshine day. We still got to take the jet boat but the stained water is going down fast, we need another rain. We caught 70 fish today with 2 walleyes and a bluegill in the mix. The biggest bass was just over 16 1/2". Tube jigs caught some, crank baits caught some, but the L.D.Guide Spinner baits caught the majority of the fish.

Sept.4th: Went fishing with Jerry Premuto and Tom Baldini today. The sky was clear blue and the water stained and 73 degrees. We just and I mean just got through with the jet boat today. It took some fancy driving in some very shallow water but we got through. We caught 71 fish today with 4 walleye and 1 channelcat in the mix. Tom got the biggest smallie today at 16 1/2". L.D.Guide Spinner baits was the lure of the day and we caught a few on tube jigs. We saw two eagles and an osprey also.

Sept. 7th: Hugh and Chris Black came fishing today. The sky was sunny and the water 74 degrees and stained. We caught 52 fish today with 3 walleye and 1 rock bass in the mix. The biggest smallie of the day was 17". The water is very low and I just got the jet boat through by the skin of my teeth. At one point you could have reached over the side of the boat and touched the rocks without getting all your hand wet. It was exciting though. L.D. Spinner baits and grub jigs caught most of the fish.

Sept.8th: Kevin Readinger and Kurt Bornmann came on a combo fish float and goose hunt today. The sky was partly cloudy and the water 74 degrees and stained. We came upon one small flock of geese and Blam, Blam, Blam, Blam, Blam. Kevin shot a goose. We caught 91 Fish today with two walleye and one bluegill in the mix. Kevin had the hot stick today, he not only caught the most fish but got 3 trophy bass. L.D.Guide Spinner baits and grub jigs caught the fish today.

Sept.9th: Dick Rivers and Jack Cunningham came fishing today. The sky was sunny and the water stained and 73 degrees. The water is low so we took the float boat. The float boat now has one more BIG dent in it and the river claimed another one of my boat rods when we side swiped a "OH SHIT" rock! We caught 55 fish today with 2 walleye and a white sucker in the mix. L.D.spinner baits and grub jigs caught the fish today.

Sept. 10th: Damion Fragamo and John Bracy came fishing today. The sky was sunny

and the water stained and 74 degrees. We caught 77 fish today with two walleye and two rock bass in the mix. 16 1/2" was the biggest bass. A lot of boat traffic today. L.D. Guide spinner baits and curly tail grubs caught the fish today.

Sept. 11th: Dave and Beth Zmijewski came fishing today under sunny skies and 72 degree stained water. We caught 72 fish today with 6 walleye and one 29" Channel catfish that Dave caught in the fast water. L.D. Guide Spinner Baits and curly tail grubs caught the fish today. One mature bald eagle was spotted a couple of times during the day. A good day with good people.

Sept. 12th: Well it all came together today. Bruce and Dave Chistman came on a float trip under a blue sky and a stained, 71 degree river. We started out with Dave catching two on a top water chug bug but they weren't biting. We switched over to L.D. Guide Spinner Baits, a Rooster tail, tube jig, and curly tail jig. We caught 105 fish today with 5 walleyes and a rock bass in the mix. At one point it was a bass on every other cast. Once again Dave had the hot stick of the day by catching the most fish. We also saw three eagles today.

Sept. 13th: It was just Mark Bactle and myself today under sunny skies and stained water at 71 degrees. The morning was foggy and Mark had a little top water action going with a couple of fish and one nice 17 1/2" smallie. We caught 57 fish today with two walleye in the mix. L.D. Guide Spinner Baits caught most of the fish with some Venom tubes, chug bugs, and curly tail grubs getting a few.

Sept. 15th: Jerry Premuto and Tom Olsen came fishing today. The skies were overcast to partly cloudy and we got a brief shower early afternoon. It may have been the good company and the relaxed atmosphere, but the fish kicked mine and Jerry's butt today. Even though we boated 54 fish today with 4 walleyes in the mix, together, Jerry and I had 35 fish on that we didn't land, while Tom had only missed two. Jerry and I caught most of our fish on L.D. Guide Spinner baits and curly tail grubs while Tom used several crank baits to catch his. We also saw several osprey and eagles.

Sept. 16th: Dick Rivers and his son, Steve came fishing today. The sky was partly cloudy and the water 73 degrees and stained. We caught 72 fish today with 4 walleyes in the mix. The biggest bass was a 17" caught by Dick. L.D. Guide Spinner Baits caught most of the fish, and a few were caught on venom tubes.

Sept. 17th: Paul Szyszko and his nephew Ethan came fishing today. The sky was overcast and we got a little rain in the morning. The water was 72 degrees and light stained. We kicked fish butt today with 123 fish total. There was 3 walleye, one bluegill, and three rock bass in the mix. Ethan got the biggest fish just over 15" and Paul caught the most. Ethan started out slow, but got the river feel in the afternoon and ended up just a few fish behind his uncle. Way to go Ethan! L.D. Guide spinner Baits and Venom tubes caught about the same amount of fish today.

Sept. 18th: Dale Moyer and Don Lechner came fishing today under partly cloudy skies

and light stained, 72 degree water with a light breeze. A great day. We caught 102 fish today with one walleye and one rock bass in the mix. Don got the two biggest bass over 15" and when Dale had trouble with his line and got a birds nest 4 TIMES. Each time he brought in his line by hand he would catch a bass. This has to be some kind of a record! We saw several osprey today and one eagle. Most of the bass were caught on Venom tubes and a few on L.D.Spinner Baits. The tubes were working so well, there wasn't any need to try the spinners. A good day with a couple of good guys.

Sept. 19th: Lew Bollinger and Andy Anderson came fishing today under partly sunny skies and 72 degree light stained water. We caught 75 fish today with 1 rock bass in the mix. Venom tubes and L.D.Guide Spinner baits caught most of the fish.

Sept. 20th: Frank Fritzing and his 87 year Young dad, Frank came fishing today. There was a light rain in the morning and partly sunny in the afternoon. The water was 71 degrees and light stained. We caught 101 fish today with 4 walleye and one rock bass in the mix. L.D.Guide Spinner Baits, Venom tubes, and slider grubs caught the fish today. We saw at least six eagles and several osprey today.

Sept. 20th: Rick Porter and Steve Gehringer came fishing today. The sky was partly sunny and the water light stained and 71 degrees. We caught 109 fish today with 2 walleye and 3 rock bass in the mix. There were three trophy bass caught the biggest being a little over 17" caught by Rick. The bait of the day were tube jigs and a few caught on spinner baits. Many eagles and osprey were seen.

Sept.22nd: It was Rick and Steve again today. The sky was partly cloudy and the water, dropping lower every day, was 71 degrees and light stained. We caught 110 fish today with 1 walleye and one rock bass in the mix. Tube jigs were the bait of the day.

Sept. 23rd: It was myself and Dick Rivers today. The sky was overcast with a mist going on. The water 70 degrees and light stained. We caught 57 fish with 2 walleye in the mix. Tube jigs and L.D.Guide spinner baits caught the fish today.

Sept. 26th: Brandon and Jeremy Lejeune came fishing today under overcast skies and showers, and wind. The water was 69 degrees and light stained. We caught 77 fish today with 5 walleyes in the mix. Jigs of various sorts caught most of the fish with a small Rattle Trap catching a few.

Sept. 27th: Had Brandon and Jeremy again today. The skies were sunny and the water light stained and 69 degrees. Brandon caught a nice 29" Northern Pike in the morning on a jig. We caught 107 fish today with 6 walleye, 3 Rock Bass, and 1 Northern Pike in the mix along with a few trophy smallies. Rattle Traps and jigs caught most of the fish. The water was very low and we had to get out and do some grunt work to get the boat through. At one point towards the end of the day we got stuck in some fast water next to fast moving deep water. We got out and pushed. The guys got back in but I couldn't hold the boat and swoosh, the boat got away without me. I told the guys to beach the boat on the other side and I would wade over. Well the water was a little

deeper than I thought. That feeling came to me when it went over my hip boots and filled them up. There was no turning back now, I put my cell phone, wallet, and camera in my hands and held them up. The water got to my shirt pockets and I was hoping I wouldn't step in a hole or trip. Not something I would want to do again if I could help it. But it was a sunny day and after pouring the water out of my boots, I dried off somewhat.

Sept. 28th: It was Brandon and Jeremy again today. The sky was sunny and the water 65 degrees and stained. We caught 102 fish today with 5 walleye, 1 rock bass, 1 carp, and a bluegill in the mix. We got four trophy smallies today, Brandon got one just under 18". Reble crank baits, tubes, and Yum Dingers, were the lures of the day.

Sept. 29th: Started out with a hard rain, met the guys at the access and they didn't want to get wet. No fishing today.

Sept. 30th: Look Out all contest contenders! Today Marion Nunan and Rich Bealer came fishing under a sunny sky and stained, 64 degree water. The water is on the rise slightly, but we still had to take the float boat. We caught 175 fish! There were 5 walleyes, 1 rock bass, and 1 white sucker in the mix. We caught 5 trophy bass with Rich getting one at 17". Tube jigs, crank baits, and Yum Dingers were the lures of the day.

Oct 1st: It was Marion and Rich again today. The sky was sunny and the water 64 degrees and stained. The level is on the rise slightly, but we took the float boat today. We caught 111 fish with 4 walleyes in the mix. Three trophy bass were caught, Marion got one over 17". I believe we could have caught more fish, but there was a group of 5 kyackers that stuck to us like bees to honey. We would move to get away from them, they would catch up to us and fish within casting distance. I'm not used to such rude behavior on the river. If I didn't have fishermen on board, they would have heard some very loud instruction on boating edicate! Tube jigs were the main lure of the day.

Oct.2nd: The water is just deep enough for the jet boat today. Jerry Premuto and Bill Rielly came fishing under sunny skies and 64 degree stained water. There were 94 fish brought in to the boat today with 3 walleye and 2 rock bass in the mix. We caught 5 trophy smallies today, a 18" was the biggest. Most of the fish were caught on tube jigs. When I find something that works for the day I'll stick with it and not change lures. A great day with two fine gentlemen.

Oct. 3rd: It was myself and Dick Rivers today. The water is dropping again so we took a float trip. The sky was sunny and the water stained and 64 degrees with a heavy fog in the morning. We caught 52 fish today with 2 walleyes and a bluegill in the mix. There were 4 trophy bass caught with a 18" smallie being the biggest. Most fish were caught on tube jigs and Yum Dingers. We saw a mink, several osprey and a few eagles today.

Oct. 4th: Had a fun day with Don Jacobson, (Jake) to his friends, from WNEP TV Channel 16, Penna. Outdoors show. We waited for the morning fog to lift and then went fishing under sunny skies and water that was 61 degrees and stained. As we were going

to the first "hole", we saw an osprey fly across the river with a fish in it's talons, a beautiful sight. It didn't take Don very long to get the "river feel" and to catch his first fish of the day. We fished for a couple of hours and caught about 40 fish. I say about because I didn't have my "chart" with me to help keep count so I tried to keep the count in my head so it could have been more. We caught several small walleye and many smallies in the 12" to 15" range. After we caught more than enough fish for the show, Brian, the camera man, got to fish with us for a while. He also caught several nice smallies. Yum Dingers and tube jigs caught the fish today. This segment will air Sunday, Oct. 16th at 6:30 PM. Tape it for me because I'll be out fishing on a charter with some more fine folks

*Just a note to anyone who keeps smallies. On Oct 1st the minimum size limit on rivers and streams changed to 15", with a maximum of four fish in possession, that's us! Lakes and ponds don't change to 15" until Nov 1st. We saw a wading fisherman today with a stringer full of short bass under 15", and I watched the guy catch a 12" bass and put it on the stringer!. The fine for short fish is a \$50.00 fine plus \$20.00 for each short fish, plus court costs. The man had close to \$200.00 in potential fines on him. Not worth the risk if you ask me, not to mention this act is like stealing next years fish from the rest of honest anglers. I told the gentleman that he had short fish for this time of year and he told me quite strongly that it was Nov. 1st, not Oct 1st was the date. Well my friend, you've been warned!

Oct. 5th: Mike Kemmerer and Joe Albertson came fishing today under partly cloudy skies and stained, 61 degree water. We caught 102 fish today with 2 walleye in the mix. There were three trophy smallies caught. Tube jigs caught most of the fish today.

Oct. 6th : Stan Davies and Alex Smith came fishing today under overcast skies and stained 67 degree water. We caught 60 fish today with 6 walleyes in the mix. Stan got the only trophy bass today. We saw several eagles and osprey. Tube jigs and Yum Dingers caught the fish. The leaves are starting to turn color now.

Oct. 7th: Ed Nestor and Barry Buchecker came fishing in the rain, all day long. The water was stained and 65 degrees. Still too low to take the jet boat so we did a float trip. The fish were turned on and we had action all day long. We caught 164 fish today with 16 walleye, 3 rock bass and 3 bluegills in the mix. We could have continued past ten hours and surpassed the total amount caught in one day but the rules say maximum 10 hours and the guys stuck to that, good show! We caught 6 trophy smallies with Ed getting the biggest just short of 18". Barry certainly got the strangest catch of the day when he cast out his Wooly Hog Tail and a huge crayfish grabbed it with his claws. The crayfish wasn't hooked, he just wouldn't let go of the lure. That crayfish was a first in twenty five years of guiding for me. Tubes, Wooly Hog Tails, Yum Dingers, and crank baits caught the fish today.

Oct. 8th: Customer called and cancelled last night, too bad, they missed some great fishing. But when you're sick' you're sick. The river rose just enough to take out the jet

boat.

Oct 9th: The river came up two foot overnight. Walt Harvey came fishing for four hours with me under overcast skies and dark stained water at 60 degrees. The rock moss is floating all over the water making it very difficult to get a lure through it. We caught 25 fish today with two trophy smallies in the mix. Crank baits caught most of the fish with a black tube getting a couple.

Oct.10th: Paul Szyszko, and Lou Quinn came up fishing under misting overcast skies and dark stained water at 60 degrees. The moss has settled down somewhat but it's presence is still known. We caught 53 fish today with Lou getting a 15" Largemouth, the first this year. We caught four trophy smallies with Paul getting his personal best at 19 1/2" which will get him an angler catch and release award from the Fish Commission.

Oct. 11th: Dan West and his dad Earl came up from Delaware to go fishing today. Today is also Earls 79th birthday and I'm glad he decided to fish with me. The sky was overcast, the water stained and 60 degrees. We caught 94 fish today with 5 walleye, 1 small Muskie, and a 30", 18.2lb carp that Dan caught. That will earn him an angler catch and release award. The biggest bass was 17". We saw one eagle flying around and a mink hunting along the bank. Yum Dingers and tube jigs caught the fish today.

Oct. 12th: customer called this morning and cancelled because it was raining. Not Cool. They make rain suits and it seldom rains all day.

Oct. 17th: The river had gone up 5ft and muddy so today it had dropped a foot and we're back on the water. The water is still up at least two foot higher than usual. Dark stain to dirty, fast current, and 56 degrees. Duane Noll and Doug Hazelton came fishing today. The morning was overcast and the afternoon partly sunny. We caught 30 fish today with three walleyes in the mix. There were six trophy bass brought in and Doug had one just under 19"! Way to go Doug! We also saw a mink hunting the shoreline. Tube and Yum Dinger jigs caught most of the fish. A good day under tough conditions.

Oct. 18th: No fishing today. Waited at the river for two hours and nobody showed or called. I finally got ahold of the party by phone and they said that they assumed the charter would be canceled because they had a lot of rain at THEIR PLACE last weekend!! I guess my deposits aren't big enough. The boat was in the water so I went to a few select spots and caught 15 fish in two hours, along with a nice 20" walleye for supper. A beautiful sunny day with the colorful fall foliage out to look at. The jet boat moves pretty fast with just one person in it.

Oct 19th: Went fishing today with Rick Porter and his son Rick. The sky was partly cloudy and the water stained and 54 degrees. We caught 144 fish today with 5 walleyes in the mix. Five trophy bass were caught. We used Yum Dinger jigs all day, and caught a couple on a crank bait.

Oct.20th: Look out we've got a new leader in the contest. I went out again today with

Rick Sr. and Rick Jr. The sky was partly cloudy and the water 54 degrees and stained. We caught 180 fish today! There were 7 trophy bass and 12 walleyes in the mix. A great day! Yum Dinger jigs was the lure of the day.

Oct.21st:Dick Rivers and his brother David came fishing today. The sky was partly cloudy and the water 53 degrees and stained. We caught 102 fish today with 6 walleyes and 8 trophy bass in the mix. A 18" being the biggest caught by David. Yum Dingers and tube jigs were the lures of the day.

Oct.22nd: Went fishing today with John Richards and Tom Allen. It rained most of the day, the water was 52 degrees and stained. We caught 84 fish with 8 walleyes, and 7 trophy bass in the mix. Tom got a 19" beauty. Tube jigs, Yum Dingers, and jerk baits caught most of the fish. The water is on the rise.

Oct.24th: Water came up 3ft, muddy, and still rising. No fishing today.

Oct. 25th: River crested today at 5ft, if it doesn't rain anymore it should be fishable in a couple of days, but not today.

Oct. 26th: Water came up to 13ft!, That's called a flood! I thought I'd get through the season without one. Water has to get back down to 4ft to fish.

Oct.31st: Finally! back on the river. The water was at 5.5ft with a fast current but Duane Noll, Joe Swider and myself fished it anyway. The sky was sunny and the water 45 degrees and stained. We caught 25 fish today with 7 trophy smallies and 4 walleyes in the mix. The biggest smallie was caught by Duane at just shy of 19", a beautiful fish. Joe is one of the best finesse fishermen with a jig I've seen. He caught most of the trophy bass and along with a couple of walleye. Jigs caught all the fish today. We saw two bald eagles also.

Nov. 1st: It was just Bruce Christman and myself today. The sky was sunny and the water 47 degrees, stained, and fast. The water is still 2 1/2ft higher than usual. We caught 40 fish with 3 walleyes in the mix. There were 4 trophy bass caught with a 17 1/2" being the biggest. Not one bass today was less than 12" long.

Nov. 2nd: Dennis Puza came fishing with me today under partly cloudy skies with stained water at 47 degrees. It was a great day, we caught 75 fish with seven walleyes in the mix. Five trophy smallies were caught with a 18"er being the biggest. The fish were in spots today and a jig with a Yum Dinger fished very slow did the trick. The current is still fast and the river a little high.

Nov.4th: Rick Liebert and Ron Kukuchka came fishing today under semi cloudy skies and stained water at 47 degrees. We had a great day, Rick is the person that made my custom rod for me that I like so much. And for around \$300.00 he might make one for you. I've ordered another for next year. We caught 91 fish today which is a new November record for my boat, and they are all nice quality fish this time of year. We

caught six walleyes, two which were over 22" and they are all still there by the way, we didn't keep them. We also caught 7 trophy smallies, the longest was just short of 17" caught by Ron and very fat. Ron also caught a 34" long, 18lb,9oz carp on his medium light rod. That will get him a angler award from the fish commission for catch and release. Way to go Ron! The photo's will be on my photo page in about a week from now.

Nov.5th: Dan Mast and Joe Beck came fishing with me today. The sky was overcast in the morning and partly sunny in the afternoon. The water was 48 degrees and stained. We caught 90 fish today with 4 walleye and one big old carp in the mix. There were 5 trophy smallies caught with one close to 17" being the biggest. Jigs were the lure of the day. We also saw a huge beaver and a mink hunting the shoreline.

Nov.7th: Another beautiful, but windy day on the river. Bob Rush and his son Todd came fishing with me today under partly sunny skies. The water was light stained and 50 degrees. We caught 80 fish today with six walleyes and six trophy smallies in the mix, the biggest being just over 17". This was Todd's first trip on the river and he caught the most fish! Both guys caught their first walleyes today and we saw a mink hunting the shore line. Bob is the new owner of the "Early Bird Sports Expo" in Bloomsburg Pa. I'll have a booth at the show on Jan. 26th through the 29th 2006. Come on down and say hi. Check out the video on his web sight at www.earlybirdexpo.com , it's pretty neat. It was a great day with a couple of good guys.

Nov. 8th: Went fishing with Dick Rivers today. The sky was partly sunny and the water 50 degrees and light stained. We caught 70 fish today with two walleyes in the mix. There were 7 trophy smallies caught a 18"er being the biggest. Jigs were the lure of the day. We also saw a mink hunting the shore line.

Nov.11th:Paul Szyszko and Lou Quinn came fishing today. The air had a bit of a nip to it with a few light snow flakes in the morning.The rest of the day was overcast with a light wind. The water came up two feet yesterday and was still rising today, it was stained, 46 degrees with a fast current, not the best of conditions. We caught 35 fish today with 10 walleyes and a white sucker in the mix. There were three trophy bass caught, one just shy of 17". We fished Yum Dingers and Case Salty Shad jigs very slow. Out of the ten walleyes caught there were 8 legal ones!We also saw a bald eagle today.

Nov.13th: Went fishing today with Dave Borkowski and Tim Miller. The sky was partly cloudy and the water 45 degrees and stained. We caught 54 fish today with six walleyes in the mix, along with 5 trophy smallies. Tim got a beautiful 22" walleye. Assorted jigs caught the fish today.

Nov.15th: Went fishing with Henry Benko today under rainy, overcast skies and the river was stained and 45 degrees. We caught 52 fish today with three walleyes and a carp in the mix. Jigs were the lure of the day.

Nov.20th: Tom Horan and his brother Mike came fishing today.The sky was sunny and

the river stained, high, fast, and 41 degrees. We caught 26 fish today with 4 walleyes in the mix. Tom got the biggest walleye at 21" and Mike got the biggest smallmouth bass at 17". Jigs were the lure of the day fished very slow.

Nov. 24th: Happy Thanksgiving! My Sister Pricilla wanted to go fishing today before the "Big Meal" so we went for a couple of hours. The Sky was overcast, we fished in a couple of snow storms along with high winds. Perfect walleye weather! The water was 38 degrees and light stained. I missed a couple of smallies, that never got to the boat right away and then caught a small walleye. We moved to another hole and sis caught a 15" smallie, her first ever. Then right in the middle of a big snowstorm with high winds I got a nice 22" walleye. We moved to another spot and sis got three more nice 19" walleye in one small hole. Everything was caught on a jig fished slow. We did see an osprey along the way.

Looks like my charters are done for the year. This year's winners of the most fish caught in the one day contest are Rick Porter and his son, Rick. On Oct. 20th we boated 180 fish! Congratulations guys! They get a free 8hr trip in either April or November of 2006!

Looks like the final total for the season was 6,628 fish boated. Out of that only 49 fish were harvested, most of those were walleye.

The breakdown went as follows:

Smallies-----	6,197
Walleyes-----	248
Rock Bass-----	107
Northern Pike-----	21
Bluegill-----	12
Channel Cats-----	11
Carp-----	10
White sucker(fall fish)	9
Muskie-----	2
Bullhead-----	1
Hog Nose Sucker-----	1
Large Mouth Bass-----	1
Total-----	6,628

This year I'll be at the "Early Bird Sports Expo" in Bloomsburg January 26-29, 2006. Come on up, down, or over and say hi. I hear Mike Iaconelli, winner of the 2003 Basemaster Classic will be there. Let's pick his brain and see if we can learn something new!

Thanks to all that fished with me and I hope to see you all again next year. Remember to book early.
Good fishing
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